IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 18, 24, 30 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer, AMEND claims 16, 17, 19-23, and 25-29 in accordance with the following:

1-15.   (cancelled)

16.   **(currently amended)** An optical recording medium recorder/reproducer, comprising:

an optical pickup used to record and/or reproduce data onto/from the optical recording medium, the optical recording medium having wobbles formed in at least one lateral surface of grooves of a user data area and a lead out area, wherein the wobbles of the user data area differ from the wobbles of the lead out area, and

a ~~programmed processor~~controller controlling the optical pickup ~~according to a process comprising: providing a user data area, and a lead-out area at an~~ outermost circumference of ~~the optical recording medium, and recording predetermined patterns~~record and/or reproduce data ~~on~~onto and/or from the user data area and the lead-out area, and discriminating between the user data area and the lead out area based on the wobbles of the user data area and the lead out area~~to prevent the optical pickup from deviating from the user data area during recording and/or reproduction of data~~.

17.   **(currently amended)** The recorder/reproducer of claim 16, wherein the ~~processor controls the recording predetermined patterns by repeatedly recording patterns used in the user data area~~controller records a same predetermined pattern in the user data area and the lead out area and the processor discriminates between the user data area and the lead out area based on only the difference in the wobbles.

18.   **(cancelled)**

19.   **(currently amended)** The recorder/reproducer of ~~claim 18~~claim 17, wherein the recording medium comprises two or more recording layers for multi-layer recording, and the controller records a different predetermined pattern on the lead out area of each of the recording layers to distinguish between the recording layers ~~processor provides for the two or more recording layers different recording patterns from one another~~.

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20.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of claim 19, wherein the ~~processor~~ controller provides a lead-out area having a width of two or more times a maximum allowance of disc eccentricity.

21.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of claim 20, wherein the ~~processor~~ controller provides different synchronization patterns of signals in the user data area ~~from~~ and the lead-out area.

22.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of claim 20, wherein the ~~processor~~ controller provides ~~for the two or more recording layers~~ different synchronization patterns in ~~their~~ respective lead-out areas ~~from one another~~ of the two or more recording layers.

23.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of claim 16, wherein the controller records different predetermined patterns in the user data area and the lead out area and discriminates between the user data area and the lead out area based on both the difference in the wobbles and the difference in the predetermined patterns.
~~processor controls the recording predetermined patterns that are different from those used in the user data area.~~

24.   (cancelled)

25.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of ~~claim 24~~claim 23, wherein the recording medium comprises two or more recording layers for multi-layer recording, and the controller records a different predetermined pattern on the lead out area of each of the recording layers to distinguish between the recording layers ~~processor provides for the two or more recording layers different recording patterns from one another~~.

26.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of claim 25, wherein the controller provides ~~a~~ the lead-out area having a width of two or more times a maximum allowance of disc eccentricity.

27.   (currently amended) The recorder/reproducer of claim 26, wherein the

~~processor~~ controller provides different synchronization patterns of signals in the user data area ~~from~~ and the lead-out area.

28.   (**currently amended**) The recorder/reproducer of claim 26, wherein the ~~processor~~ controller provides ~~for the two or more recording layers~~ different synchronization patterns in ~~their~~ respective lead-out areas ~~from one another~~ of the two or more recording areas.

29.   (**currently amended**) The recorder/reproducer of claim 23, wherein the ~~processor~~ controller records on grooves and/or lands formed on the user data area and the lead-out area.

30 -31 (**cancelled**)